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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: DOMESTIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

1. IT APPEARS THAT SAG MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE ISSUING CONTRACTS FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD PHASES OF THE SO-CALLED "BACKBONE PROJECT" BY MID-1975. CONTRACTS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE LET THROUGH OPEN TENDER BUT BY INVITATION TO LIMITED NUMBER OF COMPANIES TO SUBMIT BIDS. MINISTRY PRESENTLY PREPARING LIST OF PRE-QUALIFIED FIRMS. INVITATIONS WILL PROBABLY GO OUT AROUND FEBRUARY.

2. PHASES II AND III ESSENTIALLY CONSIST OF SERIES OF MICRO-WAVE STATIONS TO TIE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN POINTS INTO INTEGRATED KINGDOM-WIDE NETWORK. LARGE VOLUME OF COROLLARY WORK WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION OF LOCAL EXCHANGES, TELEPHONE SYSTEMS, ETC. VALUE OF THE TWO PHASES HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED AT \$60 TO \$100 MILLION; MAY NOW RUN EVEN HIGHER. CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROJECTS ARE PREECE, CARDEW & RIDER; AND SWEDISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANTS.

3. SEVERAL MAJOR U.S. TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIRMS HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT. WOULD APPRECIATE READING FROM USDOC ON WHICH COMPANIES SERIOUSLY PLAN TO COMPETE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT INTERESTED COMPANIES FILE QUALIFICATIONS DATA WITH MINISTRY UNLESS THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT MINISTRY ALREADY HAS GOOD INFORMATION ON

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